

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS COUNCIL OF CLARK COUNTY

MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Doug Ballou at 7:05 p.m. Those in attendance were: Jeanette Steinhauer, Heritage; Terry Potts, Rose Village; Leslie Morrison, GATE Program; Adrienne DeDona, City of Vancouver; George Vartanian, Fairgrounds; Lisa McLennan, Esther Short; Doug Ballou, Chairman; Sue Lintz, E. Minnehaha; Jim Fuerstenberg, Ogden; Dick Durland, Sherwood Hills; Leah Edwards, Clark County Fire District #6; Holly Gaya, Clark County PIO, David Brace, Meadow; Freddy D. Gorow, Meadow Homes; Curtis Achziger, NE Hazel Dell; Sam Kim, Brush Prairie; Leonard Bauhs, NW; Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell; Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point, Bridget Schwarz, FOCC, Debra Needham, CRESA, Ross Montgomery, Airport Green.

Doug announced that tonight's meeting included members of City of Vancouver neighborhood associations. The main topic on the agenda was disaster preparedness.

Bridget Schwarz announced that the October 3 forum on Initiative 912 featuring Deb Wallace and Don Benton was cancelled because the current environment was not conducive to bipartisan discussion on this topic.

FOCC would like to know if neighborhood association reps would like to tour the county with the planning commission, the commissioners, and heads of county departments so that everyone can get a first hand look at development impacts. A decision on this was deferred until later in the meeting during the "Round Table Discussion". Neighborhood leaders agreed to partner with FOCC on this project. Bridget will be notified of the decision.

LESLIE MORRISON, G.A.T.E. (Gateway to Adult Transition Education)

Leslie informed the group that GATE was available to students between 18 and 21 with disabilities to provide work experience education. At this point 80% is directed toward vocational training and 20% on life skills. These students are available to do collating and folding of newsletters for county neighborhood associations for a small fee. She also mentioned that they would be happy to help any associations in the county if they have newsletters or other communications to put together.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

DEBRA NEEDHAM, CRESA Emergency Management Coordinator – Debra described CRESA as the "local" FEMA and their responsibility is to plan, prepare, and respond to disasters. The word "disaster" means "overwhelmed". She indicated that FEMA would take 3-5 days to respond to citizens in a disaster and may be 3 days for first responders to arrive. Clark County Fire Department offers courses in CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) where citizens may be trained to respond to disasters in a timely manner so that when federal help does arrive, much of the needs have been identified and some addressed. She mentioned that good resources to call on in a disaster are amateur radio users, since this may be the only way to contact outside resources. We have only about 70 in Clark County and that probably would not be enough in the event of a major disaster. She also said that citizens taking CPR classes through the Red Cross can become invaluable help in an emergency situation.

Three neighborhoods (NE Hazel Dell, Airport Green and Shumway) were awarded grants from Homeland Security. The grants were specifically earmarked for “citizen corps”.

Debra also announced that FEMA.gov has a library of information on mitigation measures for homeowners for disaster preparedness.

LEAH EDWARDS, Fire District #6 CERT coordinator – Leah told the group that CERT started in California with the decision that citizen participation was badly needed when disaster struck. The Fire District offers two classes a year, fall and winter, at a cost of \$20. Anyone taking the course will be of invaluable help to neighbors and themselves. She urged everyone to sign up for an upcoming class.

ROSS MONTGOMERY, Airport Green NA – Ross’ neighborhood association was one that took advantage of the grant. Their proposal was threefold: 1. Each family organized and the Red Cross came to give a primer on disaster preparedness; 2. They instituted a “Neighborhood Watch Program”, and 3. Each family reviewed their personal and home security. Ross distributed their binder that contains timely information about disaster preparedness and other community outreach programs.

CURTIS ACHZIGER, NE Hazel Dell – Curtis’ demonstrated the 72-hour kit that Target puts together and may be bought for \$29.95. His association then added many items that they thought would be of importance during the hours following a disaster. He passed out a list containing many of the items they included in their kits.

SHUMWAY – Doug announced that Shumway focused on education as their thrust for the grant.

NEIGHBORHOOD ROUNDTABLE:

Milada Allen, Felida – Williams Pipeline is testing the pipeline; 131st has had stop signs added; October 13 at Clark College is the debate with Steve Stuart and Tom Mielke at 7 p.m. at Foster Hall; Craig Pridemore speaking at the 4th Plain Fire Station Wednesday 7 p.m.

Bud Van Cleve, NE Hazel Dell – Bud announced that the association held a shredding day and the new party store at Hazel Towne Center donated \$500 toward the cost and \$100 was offered by Stockford Village. They shredded 7,600 lbs. and received \$1117.16. He passed out the name of the company and said it was a great deal!

Ila Stanek, West Hazel Dell – Their newsletter is coming out and November’s meeting will be on disaster preparedness.

George Vartanian, Fairgrounds – A third moratorium in 5 years has been instituted in Salmon Creek.

Susan Gilbert, Enterprise/Paradise Point – Their annual meeting will be October 27 at 7 p.m. at the Ridgefield Community Center. Focus will be on growth and the update of Cowlitz proposal. Maps from La Center and Ridgefield will be on display.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Gilbert, Secretary

Reviewed and Approved by Doug Ballou, 10/13/2005